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Hired Gun

Eugene Tafoya, a former Green Beret convicted last month of two misdemeanor assualt charges in the 1980 shooting of a Libyan student in Colorado, will spend the next two years of his life in Colorado's Larimer County Jail. The resident of Truth or Consequences, N.M. was sentenced to concurrent terms by Federal District Judge J. Robert Miller who imposed the maximum sentence for each of the two counts of assault. Faisal Zagallai, described as a critic of Libyan leader Col. Mummar el-Qaddafi, was shot twice in the head by Mr. Tafoya. Mr. Zagallai survived but was left blind in his right eye. Prosecutors said Mr. Tafoya had been hired by a former Central Intelligence Agency employee on behalf of the Libyan Government. Mr. Tofoya testified that he thought he was working for the C.I.A.

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